

What is claimed is:

1. A convertible cargo container system comprising:
  - a pair of foldable side panels, at least one of said pair of side panels comprising:
    - a pair of opposing coupling ends;
    - a rigid first portion;
    - a rigid second portion pivotally attached to said first portion;
    - a locking hinge attached to said first portion and said second portion; and
    - at least one leg attached to an interior surface of said side panel; and
  - a pair of rigid end panels, each of said pair of end panels comprising:
    - an interior surface having a coupling portion;
    - an exterior surface opposing said interior surface; and
    - a handle mounted on said exterior surface;

wherein each of said pair of coupling ends of said pair of side panels engage said coupling portion of said interior surface of one of said pair of end panels to form an enclosed container.
2. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1 further comprising a vehicle coupling support affixed to one of said pair of side panels.
3. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 2, wherein said vehicle coupling support is a detachable hitch mateable with a vehicle hitch.

4. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1 further comprising a lock having an inserting portion mounted on a first panel of said pair of side panels and a receiving portion mounted on a second panel of said pair of side panels.
5. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1, wherein said coupling portion of said interior surface of said end panel is a track adapted to receive one of said pair of coupling ends of a first panel of said pair of side panels, and one of said pair of coupling ends of a second panel of said pair of side panels.
6. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 5 further comprising at least one securing device interconnecting said coupling portion of one of said pair of end panels to one of said pair of coupling ends of one of said pair of side panels.
7. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 6, wherein said at least one securing device comprises:
  - an aligned hole formed through one of one of said pair of coupling ends of one of said pair of side panels and said coupling portion of one of said pair of end panels;
  - a quick release pin insertable through said aligned hole; and
  - a lanyard attached to said pin and one of said pair of end panels and said pair of side panels.
8. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1, wherein said locking hinge of

said side panel coplanarly locks said first portion of said side panel with said second portion of said side panel.

9. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 8, wherein said locking hinge of said side panel comprises:

at least one receiving guide attached to at least one of said first portion of said side panel and said second portion of said side panel; and

at least one locking bar slidably coupled with said at least one receiving guide.

10. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1, wherein said leg is selected from a telescoping leg and a folding leg.

11. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 1 further comprising:  
a carrier having a container platform and a hitch coupling portion attached to said container platform, said container platform receiving one of said first portion of said side panel and said second portion of said side panel; and  
means for securing said carrier to at least one of said pair of side panels and said pair of end panels.

12. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 11, wherein said carrier securing means comprises at least one locking clasp attached to said carrier.

13. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 11 further comprising a rack coupled to said carrier, wherein said carrier has a width; wherein said rack has a width greater than the width of said carrier.

14. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 13, wherein said carrier comprises:

a first end; and

a second end opposing said first end;

wherein the width of said carrier spans between said first end of said carrier and said second end of said carrier; and

wherein said rack comprises:

a first portion mounted to said first end of said carrier; and

a second portion mounted to said second end of said carrier.

15. A convertible cargo container system comprising:

a top panel;

a back panel hingeably connected to said top panel, said back panel having a pair of opposing coupling ends;

a front panel having a pair of opposing coupling ends;

a bottom panel hingeably connected to said front panel, said bottom panel having a pair of opposing coupling ends;

a first end panel having a coupling portion adapted to receive a first end of said pair of

coupling ends of said back panel, a first end of said pair of opposing coupling ends of said front panel, and a first end of said pair of coupling ends of said bottom panel;

a second end panel having a coupling portion adapted to receive a second end of said pair of coupling ends of said back panel, a second end of said pair of opposing coupling ends of said front panel, and a second end of said pair of coupling ends of said bottom panel; and

at least one support leg retractably attached to an interior surface of one of said top panel, said back panel, said front panel, and said bottom panel.

16. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 15 further comprising a vehicle mounting carrier attached to said bottom panel.

17. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 16, wherein said vehicle mounting carrier is a detachable hitch mateable with a vehicle hitch.

18. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 15 further comprising a lock having a first member mounted to said top panel and a mating member mounted to said front panel.

19. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 15, wherein each of said coupling portion of said first end panel and said coupling portion of said second end panel comprises a track.

20. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 19 further comprising at least one securing means interconnecting one of said coupling portion of said first end panel and said coupling portion of said second end panel to one of one of said pair of coupling ends of said front panel, one of said pair of coupling ends of said back panel, and one of said pair of coupling ends of said bottom panel.

21. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 20, wherein said at least one securing means comprises:

an aligned hole formed through one of one of said pair of coupling ends of said front panel, one of said pair of coupling ends of said back panel, and one of said pair of coupling ends of said bottom panel;

a quick release pin insertable through said aligned hole; and  
a lanyard attached to said pin and one of said first end panel, said second end panel, said front panel, said back panel, and said bottom panel.

22. A convertible cargo container system according to claim 15 further comprising:  
a first locking hinge interconnecting said top panel with said front panel; and  
a second locking hinge interconnecting said back panel with said bottom panel;  
wherein said first locking hinge coplanarly locks said top panel with said front panel; and  
wherein said second locking hinge coplanarly locks said back panel with said bottom panel.